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SUBJ: TITO IN KOSOVO - BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY IN KOSOVO
AND RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA

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1. TITO COMPLETED A 3-DAY VISIT TO KOSOVO APR 5.
SPEECHES DURING VISIT EMPHASIZED NEED TO RESPEC
CULTURAL DIFFERENCES OF ALL NATIONALITIES IN PROVINCE AND
FOR EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP LOCAL ECONOMY. CALL FOR MUTUAL
RESPECT AMONG NATIONALITIES WAS MADE IN SPEECH APR 4 AT
PRISTINA U. WHERE ALBANIAN NATIONALIST ACTIVITY LAST
DEC FORCED ARREST OF AT LEAST FIVE PERSONS (REFTEL).
TITO ALSO CONTRASTED YUGOSLAV EFFORTS TOWARD SOLVING THE
NATIONALITY PROBLEM WITH INADEQUATE EFFORTS IN "SOME NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES" (IN OVBIOS REFERENCE TO BULGARIA AND AUSTRIA).

2. IN SPEECH TO POLITICAL "AKTIV" OF KOSOVO LC TITO TREATED
AT LENGTH RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA, WHICH HE SAID WERE OF
"ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE". TO STABILITY OF THE BALKANS. WITH
UNUSUAL TOLERANCE, TITO DECLARED THAT YUGOSLAVIA NEED NOT BE
TOO SENSITIVE TO ALBANIAN ATTACKS ON HER "WHICH STILL OCCUR
ON OCCASION", BUT RATHER SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVING
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RELATIONS - A COURSE IN BEST INTERSTS OF BOTH NATIONS.

3. TITO USED "AKTIV" SPEECH TO ATTACK CERTAIN "ENEMIES ABROAD"
WHO ARE "STUBBORNLY MAKING VARIOUS CALCULATIONS" ABOUT KOSOVO
AND YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. THIS CERTAINLY REFERS TO
IN PART TO FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE OF DEC EVENTS AT
UNIVERSITY, BUT QUITE POSSIBLE ALSO TO ALBANIAN EMIGRE ACTIVITY.
WE NOT APR 6 NIN ARTICLE "ROOTS OF TERRORISM" POINTS OUT TWO
ALBANIAN IRREDENTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS: PRIZREN LEAGE
AND BALI KOMBETAR, LATTER "WITH HEADQUARTERS IN USA". BOX IN
ABOVE ARTICLE ON ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF YUGOSLAV VICE-CONSUL
IN LYONS CRITICIZES FRENCH PRESS SUPPORT FOR "CHETNIK, USTASHI
AND ALBANIAN TERRORISTS ORGANIZATIONS." THESE ARE FIRST
MENTIONS BY YUGOSLAV PRESS OF ALBANIAN EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS IN
QUITE SOME TIME.
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